

The Citrus Disease Subcommittee (CDS) was established by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Section 7103) as a Subcommittee of the Specialty Crop Committee to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on citrus research, extension, and development needs, engage in regular consultation and collaboration with USDA and other organizations involved in citrus, and provide recommendations for research and extension activities related to citrus disease.

The Citrus Disease Subcommittee (CDS) also advises USDA on the research and extension agenda of the Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program (ECDRE), a grant program of USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

The CDS was re-authorized in the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) to carry out the responsibilities of the subcommittee described in subsection (g) in accordance with subsection (j)(3) of section 1412 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632).

The 2018 Farm Bill increased the membership of the Citrus Disease Subcommittee from nine (9) to eleven (11) members. These 11 members, each of whom is a domestic producer of citrus, are represented as follows:

- Five (5) members represent Arizona or California;
- Five (5) members represent Florida;
- One (1) member represents Texas.

This subcommittee will terminate – without re-authorization in the Farm Bill–on September 30, 2023.

